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### **OBEY WELCOMES GOVERNMENT DECISION ON CHINESE PAPER IMPORT DUMPING**

WASHINGTON, DC: – Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) said that he welcomed today's announcement by the U.S. Department of Commerce imposing anti-dumping duties on coated paper imports from China and Indonesia.

"This is only a preliminary determination and it won't become final until later this year. But, I am hopeful that, at last, we can get some relief from unfair competition in the paper industry from foreign countries," Obey said.

"Workers are fed up with seeing jobs leave the U.S. because of unfair trade practices and stupid corporate tax privileges, and they have a right to be," he added.

Obey said he has been working with other members of the Wisconsin delegation since last year to raise the concerns of Wisconsin paperworkers and paper companies, including Appleton Paper and New Page, over the dumping. New Page has facilities in Biron, Wisconsin Rapids, Whiting and Stevens Point. Appleton Papers is headquartered in Appleton with a facility in Rhinelander.

The United States imports about \$250 million of coated paper from China and Indonesia. The preliminary decision by the Department of Commerce, which imposes anti-dumping duties of more than 30% on Chinese imports and more than 10% on imports from Indonesia shows that the Department agrees that these countries have been engaging in unfair trade practices, selling their products at below-market prices. It follows a Department finding in March that the Chinese and Indonesian paper industries were benefitting from a variety of subsidies and that these were having an adverse impact on American paper production.

The final determinations on the case will be made by the Department of Commerce and the International Trade Administration in September and November.

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